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"Freshly painted lines make the road safer for drivers," said Geoff MacLellan, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. "In turn, we hope drivers will keep our people safe while they're doing this important work."

The province uses a string of vehicles, called a train, of a paint truck, trail vehicle, with a crash-absorbing trailer and electronic arrow board, and a second trail vehicle with an electronic message board.

Approaching traffic must follow the instructions on the message and arrow boards until they pass the entire group.

The province has four paint crews on the roads in dry weather. Their goal is to paint all road lines in the province by mid-October.

Promoting work-zone safety is one of the province's many road safety initiatives. May 13-19 is National Road Safety Week. For more road safety tips and information this week, follow @NS_TIR on Twitter.

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